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April 6-8, 2007 -- The CIA's Counter-Proliferation Division (CPD) and British intelligence have evidence that then-Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney lost three nuclear weapons in 1991. This was later used as a pretext to create the phony Niger yellowcake uranium story in the event the nukes showed up in Iraqi hands. At least one of the nukes, however, ended up in the hands of North Korea. WMR has been told by a well-placed intelligence source in Britain that in early February 1991, the Pentagon sent out an emergency message rarely seen: three "Broken Arrows," or lost nuclear weapons in U.S. possession, were jettisoned in the Indian Ocean by a U.S. Air Force B-52, which had caught fire en route from Diego Garcia with three weapons of mass destruction being transported from South Africa after that nation began dismantling its nuclear weapons program. On a return emergency route back to the U.S. base on Diego Garcia, the crew of the aircraft disposed of the bombs to avoid a cook off of their heat-sensitive triggered fuses. The B-52 later crashed. The three bombs landed in shallow waters off the Somali coast. Rather than retrieve the weapons, Cheney and the Bush I administration sat on their hands.



Cheney's 1991 "lost" nukes: possible pretext for the invasion of Iraq and the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people and the outing of a covert CIA network.

WMR has learned that, although there was speculation the lost nuclear weapons ended up in the hands of Iran (and a strong but false belief by Cheney and his neo-con advisers that they went to Iraq), at least one was transferred to North Korea. Dr. Stephen Dresch, a former Michigan legislator and head of Forensic Intelligence, Inc., who helped criminally link FBI agent Lindley DeVecchio and mobster Greg Scarpa, Sr. of the Colombo crime family, discovered that the lost U.S. nuclear weapons wound up on the international black market and his report on the incident reached MI-6 in December 2003. Dresch also attended, along with a professional photographer, the coroner's inquest of British Ministry of Defense weapons of mass destruction expert Dr. David Kelly in 2004. There is reason to believe that Kelly was fully aware that one of the lost nuclear weapons was transferred to North Korea by international arms smugglers and that this information was also known to Vice President Cheney. Dresch died last August at age 62 of lung cancer.

On August 21, 2006, WMR reported the following: "As the Bush-Cheney administration gears up for a planned military attack on Iran, there is renewed interest by European intelligence analysts in the July 17, 2003 reported "suicide" of British Ministry of Defense weapons of mass destruction (WMD) specialist and UN Iraq weapons inspector Dr. David Kelly. In what is widely believed to have been a Blair government cover-up, Lord Hutton, in his official report, concluded that Kelly committed suicide in a wooded area near his Oxfordshire home using a dull knife to cut his left wrist and ingesting 29 over-the-counter analgesic tablets.

With the Bush administration now using the Iraq playbook to justify an attack on Iran, Kelly's knowledge about the disappearance of two South African nuclear-tipped missiles from a U.S. B-52 that crashed in the Indian Ocean in February 1991 may have sealed the British scientist's fate. The two tactical nuclear weapons, being shipped to the United States for de-arming after South Africa's minority government of President F.W. DeKlerk scrapped the nation's nuclear weapons

arsenal, created by the apartheid government with the technical assistance of Israel, were lost after a U.S. Air Force B-52 carrying them from the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia to the United States crashed as a result of multi-engine failure off the Somali coast. The plane had developed electrical problems after leaving Diego Garcia and was attempting a return to the island with its sensitive cargo. Three crew members of the B-52 parachuted to safety but three others were killed when the plane crashed into shallow waters off the Somali coast.

Kelly was a British security services asset who knew about the South African nuclear weapons program. He was also aware that a neo-con disinformation story that the two South Africans tactical nukes were retrieved by weapons dealers, sent to Oman, and sold to Iran for the cannibalization of their weapons-grade uranium was false. In fact, Kelly knew that then-Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney was well aware of the loss and subsequent retrieval of the nuclear weapons by covert U.S. intelligence assets but failed to warn the United Nations pursuant to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) as required under U.S. law. The United States was a party to the NPT at the time of the "loss" of the South African weapons. Moreover, all of the countries reported to have been involved in the weapons shipment -- South Africa, Oman, and Somalia -- were also parties to the NPT. It is feared that the weapons-grade uranium from the South African nukes will be used as a "smoking gun" to show Iran's possession of nuclear weapons -- perhaps in a dirty bomb "found" entering Lebanon to Hezbollah forces from Syria. Such an event would give the neo-cons justification for simultaneous attacks on Hezbollah, Syria, and Iran."

British intelligence assets met with the arms smugglers in an attempt to have the three W-69M-type nuclear warheads bought back by apartheid South Africa using false shipping documents. However, there was no interest in selling the nuclear weapons back to the outgoing apartheid regime, so the Bush I administration finally decided to act. One of the reasons George H. W. Bush and Cheney decided to send Delta Force and the Marines into Somalia in February 1991 was to try and recover the lost weapons. But they were too late. The nukes had already landed on the international black market. The lost South African warheads were plutonium devices and the North Korea N-test was a plutonium blast, not a uranium test.

There were three, not two, missing nuclear weapons. Although there was an attempt by the British to secure the weapons, they were never recovered. WMR has also learned that a major reason for Cheney and Scooter Libby falsifying the Niger yellowcake uranium documents was to provide an explanation for the presence of the lost nuclear weapons in Iraq, even though had this been the case, the nuclear material would have been plutonium, not uranium. There is also informed speculation that all three missing nukes are accounted for, but that all three were obtained by the North Koreans.

Although WMR has learned that the lost nuclear weapons did not go to either Iraq or Iran, Cheney could have been caught up in a major scandal of his cover-up of the three lost nukes in 1991. WMR has learned that British Prime Minister Tony Blair was informed about the lost U.S. nukes before the Iraq War in 2003. He was also informed by British intelligence that these nuclear weapons had not ended up in Iraqi hands and that the massive U.S. military build-up against Saddam Hussein was a product of Cheney wrongly believing that the lost nukes were in the possession of the Iraqis. Cheney also later falsified intelligence to show that the North Korean bomb was procured from a DIY (do-it-yourself) kit obtained from the A Q Khan nuclear smuggling network in Pakistan.

Cheney chose to attack and roll up Valerie Plame Wilson and her Brewster Jennings and Associates non-official cover firm network in an attempt to throw them off the trail of the missing nukes. There is speculation that missing retired Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and FBI agent Robert Levinson, a private investigator who recently disappeared on the Iranian free trade island of Kishn on a trip from Dubai, may have been tracking the lost nukes. Levinson is a veteran of investigating Russian-Israeli mobsters, weapons smugglers operating out of Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and drug smuggling. Levinson is quoted in the late Robert Friedman's trailblazing book on the Russian-Israeli Mafia, Red Mafya: How the Russian Mob Has Invaded America.

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